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Motor Carrier Services Opens New Office

Effective Oct. 1, 2003, Motor Carrier Services has opened an eighth field office located at the Missouri Department of Transportation's Southwest District Headquarters in Joplin. Warren Myers, senior transportation enforcement inspector, along with Cody Wilson, enforcement inspector, will staff this office.

Enforcement inspectors have the safety oversight of all commercial motor vehicles operating in the State of Missouri. Job functions include conducting in-depth compliance reviews of motor carriers' safety records, commercial motor-vehicle inspections, safety and economic investigations, and conducting safety and hazardous-materials outreach training seminars.

Motor Carrier Services at State Fair

Visitors at the Missouri State Fair got a chance to chat with Motor Carrier Services at the MoDOT booth this year.

The booth was in the Highway Gardens building, which was a new location for Motor Carrier Services. The booth is designed to assist the Missouri farming community with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations and registration processes as they apply to farming operations.

Visitors to the booth were able to electronically begin the registration process with MCS as well as register for one of the free Compliance Outreach Training seminars that took place this past fall. Additional information was available for International Fuel Tax Agreement, International Registration Plan and Overdimension



Senior transportation enforcement inspector Gary McQuitty explains safety and registration issues with State Fair attendees.

and Over weight permits. A total of 233 contacts were made with farmers, truckers, commercial motor carriers and drivers. As our new location is discovered it is anticipated that the number visiting our booth will increase next year.

Holiday Office Closings

The Motor Carrier Services office will be closed Dec. 26, 2003, the day after Christmas, and Jan. 1, 2004. We will also be unable to handle walk-ins or phone calls for Overdimension/Over

weight permits on Dec. 16 from 12-1 p.m. at the St. Mary's Boulevard Office in Jefferson City, and on Dec. 17 from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at 1617 Southridge due to Christmas luncheons.

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Former Trucker Sentenced for Supporting al-Qaida

Attorney General John Ashcroft announced that lyman Faris (aka Mohammad Rauf), a former truck driver from Columbus, Ohio, was sentenced to 20 years in prison for providing material support and resources to al-Qaida, and conspiracy for providing the terrorist organization with information about possible U.S. targets for attack.

Faris admitted traveling to a training camp in Afghanistan in late 2000 where he was introduced to Osama bin Laden. As a result of the meeting, Faris agreed to provide information to al-Qaida on "ultralight" aircraft, which would provide an escape avenue for operatives after the Sept. 11 terrorist attack.

Faris also admitted that during a visit to Karachi in early 2002, he was introduced to a senior operational leader

in al-Qaida. According to Faris' admission, the operational leader then told Faris that al-Qaida was planning two simultaneous attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C. The al-Qaida leader spoke with Faris about destroying a bridge in New York City by severing its suspension cables, and tasked Faris with obtaining the equipment needed. Faris admitted that upon returning to the United States from Pakistan in April 2002, he researched methods to accomplish the task.

Federal law prohibits the providing of material support and resources to designated foreign terrorist organizations. Al-Qaida was designated by the Secretary of State in 1999 to be a foreign terrorist organization and redesignated as such in October 2001.

IFTA, IRP, SSRS, Stamp and Sticker Renewals

The busy renewal season is here! In order to provide better customer service, we ask that forms and monies due be mailed as soon as possible so we can guarantee your credentials can be issued in a timely manner.

If you visit our office, please have all renewal forms and documentation complete before you enter. With the consolidation of the various programs, we will try to assist you in all your needs, but it now takes additional time to do so. We cannot guarantee last minute walk-in renewals can be completed before the end of the year.

Datelines

Dec. 25-26

Office Closed

Dec. 31

IRP plates, and Single State registrations, stamps and stickers expire

Jan. 1 and 19, 2004

Office Closed

Jan. 31

Forth Quarter IFTA return due

Enforcement Activity

During the past quarter ending Sept. 30, 2003, Motor Carrier Services discovered economic and/or safety violation of state and/or federal rules and regulations, and prosecuted the following carriers:

Bell Excavating Inc.
Billings, Ellen
Braden, Dewayne
Burns, Jimmie Lee
Calvert Development Inc.
Carver Michael A. & Donna M.
Classic Services Inc.
Cruizin Limousine Incorporated
Dooling, Jerry Leroy Jr.
DTC Calhoun Trucking Inc.
Flood, Bruce A.
Fugate, Jeff
Goff, Donald
Greubel Excavating Inc.
HBR Trucking Inc.
Lance Green LLC
JMN Transportation Inc.
Kempf, Emory
Knox, Elmer
Landvatter Ready Mix
Massey, Bradley A.
Murray, Douglas R.
Ready Mix Concrete Inc.
Sperlings Inc.
Tri County Trucking and Excavating Inc.
Volition Trucking Company LLC
Zimmerman, Bernard

The number of vehicles pulled in and weighed at Missouri weigh stations during the quarter ending Sept. 30, 2003, was 890,787.

Superloads Move Through Missouri

A total of six superloads are scheduled to be transported through December to the nuclear power plant in Reform, Mo. The second move, a power module, was transported by Emmert International of Gainesville, Texas, on Oct. 31. The load was 16 feet 7 inches wide, 15 feet 7 inches high, 171 feet long and weighed 493,600 pounds. Due to travel speed, curfews and movement restrictions, it can take up to four days to complete a move like this.

In order to have a permit to transport a super-heavy or large-load movement in Missouri, the motor carrier must file an application, provide a traffic-control plan and sketches, have sufficient levels of insurance and provide additional information as needed for complex moves. The movement will be studied to determine if the move can be made without damage to Missouri's infrastructure.



Deadline Extended for Hazardous Materials Background Checks

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and the Transportation Security Administration have extended the compliance deadline for requiring background checks on commercial drivers certified to transport hazardous items.

The FMCSA rule requires that states collect fingerprints from individuals applying for, renewing, upgrading or transferring a hazmat endorsement for a commercial driver's license. The date for states to begin complying with this rule is now April 1, 2004.

The FMCSA rule also says that states may request an extension of that compliance date to not later than Dec. 1, 2004. The FMCSA interim final rule is available at <http://dms.dot.gov/> by searching for Docket No. FMCSA-2001-11117. There is a link to TSA's interim final rule at <http://www.tsa.gov/>. Contact: Andy Beck: 202-366-8810.

Cargo Tank Safety Advisory Notice

About 11:36 a.m. on Jan. 5, 2002, a tractor pulling a cargo tank departed a plant entrance and the trailer failed, breaking into two pieces.

This cargo tank was constructed with three independent stainless steel U.S. Department of Transportation MC-307 cargo tanks. These tanks were joined to form a single trailer using stainless steel tie bands that overlapped the adjoining ends. The cargo tank motor vehicle was covered with flexible insulation and a thin stainless steel jacket that was connected to the frame assembly at the bottom of the trailer.

At the time of the accident, the cargo tank contained 5,152 gallons of polypropylene glycol. Although this chemical is not regulated by the DOT as a hazardous material and no release occurred, this type of specification cargo tank is authorized to transport hazardous materials requiring a specification package. There were no fatalities, injuries, or evacuations; however, the intersection was closed for seven hours. Damage, cleanup, and lost revenues were estimated at \$18,000.

Don't let this happen to you. Take the following steps:

- Identify MC 307/312 cargo tanks manufactured prior to January 1983 with designs similar to the tank involved in this incident.
- Locate these tanks and determine their status (i.e. still in service, removed from service, has been sold, scrapped, etc).

New Safety Regulations for Commercial Motor Vehicles Weighing 10,001 lbs or More

House Bill 371, which makes changes to section 307.400 of the Revised Missouri Statutes regarding compliance with safety requirements for certain commercial motor vehicles, was signed into law and became effective Aug. 28, 2003. The bill amended section 307.400 RSMo. by deleting the requirement that commercial motor vehicles be licensed for more than 12,000 pounds in order for safety violations to be enforced.

Under the new law, any commercial motor vehicle that weighs 10,001 pounds or more and falls under Part 390.5 of the Code of Federal Regulations is subject to safety violation enforcement. This covers **log trucks**, **waste-tire trucks** and a variety of other commercial trucks that may have been exempt in the past.



- For those tanks no longer in service, gather documentation from the owner supporting the reasons why the tank is no longer in service.
- Inspect tanks still in service in accordance with Truck Trailer Manufacturers Association Technical Bulletin TB-121-03.
- The inspection documents should identify the tank, defects discovered during the inspection, service status of the tank and the methods used to repair the defects.
- The inspection documents should be forwarded to:
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
Hazardous Materials Division
400 7th Street SW, Suite 8310
Washington, DC 20590

Notice

All tanks still in service should be inspected no later than Dec. 31, 2003, in accordance with TTMA Technical Bulletin TB-121-03. A Federal Register notice will be issued after Dec. 31, 2003, addressing those tanks that have not yet been inspected.

Did You Know?

Hazmat Transportation Security Awareness Training on CD-ROM is available, in limited quantities, from the Department of Transportation's Research Special Programs Administration at no charge.

Publication orders may be placed online at <http://diy.dot.gov/hazmat>. Orders may also be processed by fax at 202-366-7342, telephone 1-800-467-4922 ext. 3, or 202-366-2301. Requests can also be mailed to USDOT/RSPA/DHM-50, 400 Seventh St. SW, Washington, D.C. 20590.

New Hours of Service Regulations

The hours-of-service rules, as we know them, change effective Jan. 4, 2004, for property carrying motor carriers. The new regulations also affect passenger motor carriers as well, but to a lesser extent.

Motor Carrier Services will be providing training sessions to help participants understand these new requirements. The training will be conducted in locations throughout the state and will be designed for drivers as well as motor-carrier safety personnel. The dates have been selected and Motor Carrier Services has mailed letters to motor carriers with all the information needed to register for the upcoming training.

Facts on Motor Carrier Services

Here's a look at some of the services Motor Carrier Services provides throughout the year.

- Issues over 160,000 over dimension/over weight permits
- Issues approximately 4,000 Single State receipts
- Issues over 60,000 authority stamps and stickers
- Answers about 42,000 telephone calls
- Issues approximately 63,000 cab cards
- Issues about 73,000 sets of IFTA decals
- Issues around 71,000 new and renewal license plates
- Licenses approximately 300 hazardous waste/waste tire transporters
- Reviews around 12,000 certificates of insurance
- Reviews more than 6,500 cancellation of insurance
- Performs more than 200 safety educational contacts
- Inspects more than 850 trucks, 350 cargo tanks and 550 buses
- Performs more than 250 federal safety audits
- Performs more than 600 federal and state compliance reviews
- Files more than 200 violation cases
- Provides spring and fall safety training sessions and other educational classes around the state

Employee News

Congratulations

Joy Prenger, intermediate business specialist, is the unit's marathon runner. On Oct. 12, Joy ran her first marathon at The LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon in Chicago, Ill. After a year of hard training, just finishing the 26.2-mile race is a major accomplishment. Joy is a first place winner to us.

Mileposts

The following employees have celebrated years of service anniversaries this year. Thanks for all your hard work and dedicated service.

Employee	Years of Service
Myra Stobbert	20
Susan Kaye Trowbridge	20
Michael E. Williams	20
Jeania A. Lowe	10
Kelly F. Ray	10
Debra L. Schulte	10
Warren T. Myers	5
Diana L. Stickler	5
Larry J. Thomason	5
Marty J. Wirsig	5

Promotion

Warren Myers was promoted to senior transportation enforcement inspector. He will be supervising the Joplin Motor Carrier Services field office. Warren started with the unit in 1998.

Welcome Aboard

Mark Brooks, Enforcement Section, Poplar Bluff
Joshua McElroy, Enforcement Section, Poplar Bluff
Christie Petet, Financial Section, Jefferson City
Matt Smith, Enforcement Section, Clinton
Christopher Sutton, Enforcement Section, St. Charles
Cody Wilson, Enforcement Section, Joplin

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Overdimension and Overweight Regulations, permits, blanket permits	Location: 2211 St. Mary's Blvd. Jefferson City, MO 65109 Mail: P. O. Box 270 Jefferson City, MO 65102	573-751-2871 or (800) 877-8499 Fax: 573-751-7408
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